Habitat Study Group Notes: June 4, 2009

Attending: Fred Feyrer (USBR), Steven Detwiler (USFWS), Ted Sommer (CDWR), Farhat Bajjaliya (CDFG), Anke Mueller Solger (IEP), Mike Chotkowski (USBR), <via phone> Ryan Olah (USFWS), Cay Goude (USFWS), Wim Kimmerer (SFSU), Bruce Herbold (USEPA)

Agenda:

The purpose of this meeting was to update on issues pertinent to HSG, but primarily to set the agenda and prepare for the June 18 public meeting.

- 1) Update on organizational elements
- 2) June 18 workshop
- 3) Coordinate next steps on Conceptual Model and Narrative
- 4) Action Items
- 5) Set next meeting
- 1) Steve and Victoria are working out the peer review process between the Service management. There should be tangible news to report by next week.

The Service is preparing a Fact Sheet to accompany the official agenda for the June 18 public workshop. It is intended that HSG members may use this to brief their agency managers, the POD management team and IEP directors. The agenda for the June 18 meeting will be posted to the FWS webpage Monday June 8. The Science Program has offered to cross-link or post it as well. The Bay and Delta rooms at 650 Capitol Mall are booked all day.

2) The group discussed the content and format for the upcoming workshop.

Proposed Agenda for June 18:

- 9:30 Commence meeting opening remarks/Ground Rules (Facilitator: Chotkowski)
- 9:40 Introduction to the HSG (Detwiler) 30 minutes
 - HSG organization and process/schedule
 - Question and Answer (Detwiler/Olah)
- 10:10 State of Science: Why fall X2 is important for DS (Feyrer) (45 minutes)
- 11:00 ~BREAK~
- 11:15 Presentation of Conceptual Model components (Kimmerer) (75 minutes?)
 - ~LUNCH BREAK~
- 1:30 Guidance on Study (structured Q&A) (Herbold)
- *Written comments can be submitted after the meeting, and appropriate technical comments will be posted to the Service website and considered during the HSG study plan crafting.

3) The group needs to finalize a draft conceptual work plan for posting by COB Friday June 12. Comments are to be routed through Steve and received no later than COB Wednesday June 10.

4) Action Items:

Steve will compose a draft of the fact sheet and formal agenda for June 18 workshop and submit to group for comments by noon Friday June 5.

Bruce will work on integration and interactions part of conceptual model and deliver by COB Friday June 5 to the group for review and comment.

Fred is amending some points within the abiotic section by Tuesday COB.

Wim, Fred, and Steve will work on slides for their respective portions of the presentation at the workshop and send to group no later than COB Wednesday June 10 for review prior to next meeting.

Steve will collate versions of the draft conceptual workplan and take care of document management duties.

Steve will fix Figure 5 to be more presentable (color version, font size etc.).

Steve will draft a disclaimer to front the conceptual workplan.

Steve and Victoria will progress on independent peer review funding issue **Group** will get comments back on the latest draft narrative with Ted's comments sent yesterday.

Group please comment on the fact sheet and draft official agenda by COB Friday June 5.

5) Next meeting is in person at Cottage Way.